

Amendments to the Claims under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121

Claim 1 (currently amended): A ~~recombinant~~homogeneous polypeptide having the ability to bind TNF, wherein said polypeptide is encoded by a nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 3.

Claims 2-22 (cancelled).

Claim 23 (currently amended): A ~~recombinant~~homogeneous polypeptide having the ability to bind TNF, wherein said polypeptide comprises an amino acid sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 4.

Claims 24-40 (cancelled).

Claim 41 (currently amended): A ~~recombinant~~homogeneous polypeptide having the ability to bind TNF, wherein said polypeptide consists of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 4.

Claim 42 (original): A recombinant polypeptide having the ability to bind TNF, wherein said polypeptide consists of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 4 and an amino-terminal methionine.

Claims 43-44 (cancelled).

Claim 45 (currently amended): The ~~recombinant~~ polypeptide of any of Claims 1, 23, 54, or 55, wherein said polypeptide has at least one additional amino acid at the amino-terminus, at the carboxyl-terminus, or at both the amino-terminus and the carboxyl-terminus.

Claim 46 (currently amended): The ~~recombinant~~ polypeptide of Claim 45, wherein said polypeptide has at least one additional amino acid at the amino-terminus.

Claim 47 (currently amended): The ~~recombinant~~ polypeptide of Claim 46, wherein said

polypeptide has a methionine at the amino-terminus.

Claim 48 (currently amended): The ~~recombinant~~ polypeptide of Claim 45, wherein said polypeptide has at least one additional amino acid at the carboxyl-terminus.

Claim 49 (cancelled).

Claim 50 (currently amended): The polypeptide of ~~either any of~~ Claims 1, 23, 41, 42, 54, 55, or 56, wherein said polypeptide is chemically derivatized.

Claim 51 (currently amended): The polypeptide of any of Claims 1, 23, 41, 42, 54, 55, or 56, wherein said polypeptide is not glycosylated.

Claim 52 (currently amended): The polypeptide of any of Claims 1, 23, 41, 42, 54, 55, or 56, wherein said polypeptide is glycosylated.

Claim 53 (currently amended): The polypeptide of Claim 52, wherein said polypeptide is glycosylated by a CHO cell.

Claim 54 (new): A polypeptide having the ability to bind TNF, wherein said polypeptide is encoded by a nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 3, and wherein said polypeptide is expressed from a gene unaccompanied by nucleotide sequence encoding:

- a. amino acid residues 1-29 in SEQ ID NO: 2;
- b. amino acid residues 30-40 in SEQ ID NO: 2;
- c. amino acid residues 1-40 in SEQ ID NO: 2; or
- d. amino acid residues 202-455 in SEQ ID NO: 2.

Claim 55 (new): A polypeptide having the ability to bind TNF, wherein said polypeptide comprises an amino acid sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 4, and wherein said polypeptide is expressed from a gene unaccompanied by nucleotide sequence encoding:

- a. amino acid residues 1-29 in SEQ ID NO: 2;
- b. amino acid residues 30-40 in SEQ ID NO: 2;
- c. amino acid residues 1-40 in SEQ ID NO: 2; or
- d. amino acid residues 202-455 in SEQ ID NO: 2.

Claim 56 (new): A polypeptide having the ability to bind TNF, wherein said polypeptide consists of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 4, and wherein said polypeptide is expressed from a gene unaccompanied by nucleotide sequence encoding:

- a. amino acid residues 1-29 in SEQ ID NO: 2;
- b. amino acid residues 30-40 in SEQ ID NO: 2;
- c. amino acid residues 1-40 in SEQ ID NO: 2; or
- d. amino acid residues 202-455 in SEQ ID NO: 2.

Claim 57 (new): The polypeptide of any of Claims 1, 23, 41, 42, 54, 55, or 56, wherein said polypeptide is purified from a prokaryotic cell.

Claim 58 (new): The polypeptide of Claim 58, wherein the prokaryotic cell is *Escherichia coli*.

Claim 59 (new): The polypeptide of any of Claims 1, 23, 41, 42, 54, 55, or 56, wherein said polypeptide is purified from a eukaryotic cell.

Claim 60 (new): The polypeptide of Claim 59, wherein the eukaryotic cell is a yeast cell.

Claim 61 (new): The polypeptide of Claim 59, wherein the eukaryotic cell is a mammalian cell.

Claim 62 (new): The polypeptide of Claim 61, wherein the mammalian cell is a Chinese Hamster Ovary cell or a COS cell.